(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action plan of Government to address this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per information received from Assam State Government, there are reports about women from Assam being trafficked outside the State and rescued by appropriate authorities. The reasons indicated are poverty, lack of education, unemployment, unhealthy social living condition, etc.

(c) The State Government has informed that apart from appropriate intervention taken up by the Police Department for prevention and control of trafficking in women and girl children the Social Welfare Department has introduced an Action Plan to set up State Homes for Women rescued from moral danger, training and rehabilitation package through schemes of Swayamsida, promotional NGO action in creating awareness on the evil effects of trafficking.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India also conducts advocacy, awareness generation, sensitization programmes for prevention of trafficking. The Ministry runs Swadhar Shelter Homes, which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counseling, rehabilitation and other facilities to victims of trafficking. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings for purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for traffickers.

Applications for Grants pending with Maulana Azad Education Fund

*252. MAULANA OBAIDULLA KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of application pending with Maulana Azad Education Fund (MAEF) for grant/aid;

(b) the details of application cleared during the current year, along with the amount sanctioned in each case;

(c) the steps being taken to clear the remaining application; and

(d) the action being taken to substantially increase the fund of MAEF?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R.ANTULAY): (a) and (b) A total of 749 applications for grant-in-aid were pending with the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) on 30/09/2007. State-wise summary of pending applications is given in statement I *(See* below). During the year 2007-08, the Foundation has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1,375 crores; details are given in statement II (See below).

(c) and (d) Depending on the availability of resources, MAEF has decided to consider on priority applications received before 31/03/2006 and applications from identified minority concentration districts.

The resources available to the Foundation have been augmented and are proposed to be increased further during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The corpus was doubled from Rs. 100 crores to Rs. 200 crores last year and a sum of Rs. 50 crores is provided for in the current year.

Statement-I

Maulana Azad Education Foundation *State-wise Summary of Pending Applications for Grant-in-Aid as on 30.9.2007:*

State	Upto 31.3.2007	2007-08	Total
Andaman & Nicobar	2	0	2
Andhra Pradesh	73	8	81
Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	1
Assam	11	4	15
Bihar	7	3	10
Chhattisgarh	1	0	1
Goa	4	1	5
Gujarat	36	7	43
Haryana	13	4	17
Himachal Pradesh	2	1	3
Jammu & Kashmir	7	0	7
Jharkhand	13	1	14
Karnataka	37	7	44
Kerala	47	8	55
Madhya Pradesh	16	4	20
Maharashtra	66	17	83
Manipur	4	3	7
Meghalaya	2	0	2
Mizoram	3	0	3
Nagaland	2	1	3
NCT of Delhi	3	2	5
Orissa	1	2	3
Punjab	1	0	1
Rajasthan	14	1	15
Tamil Nadu	25	5	30
Uttar Pradesh	211	37	248
Uttaranchal	7	0	7
West Bengal	21	3	24
TOTAL:	630	119	749

Statement-II

Details of Grant-in-aid sanctioned during 2007-08 by MAEF

S.No.	Name & Address of NGO	Purpose	Amount (in Rs.) of Grant-in-aid sanctioned
1	Maulana Azad Talimee Markaz C-45/8B, Gali No. 2, Chouhan Bangar, Delhi	Purpose of Computers	2,50,000/-
2	Maulana Azad Education Trust, At: Baghalkol, P.O. Basantrai, Distt. Godda (Jharkhand)	Construction of 60 Bedded Dormitory Type Girls Hostel Building	20,00,000/-
3	Minorities Educational & Cultural Association (MECA), Kwakta, P.O. Moirang, Distt. Bishnupur (Manipur)	Construction of School Building	15,00,000/-
4	Muslim Eductional Society, Thiruvithancode, Kanyakumari, (Tamil Nadu)	Construction of 50 Bedded Girls Hostel Building	15,00,000/-
5	The Melapallivasal Trust, Ilayangudi, Ramanathapuram, Distt. Sivagangai (Tamil Nadu)	Construction of School Building & Purchase of Equipments	18,00,000/-
6	Sadakathullah Appa Educational Society, Rahmath Nagar, Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu)	Construction of 100 Bedded Dormitory Type Girls Hostel Building	30,00,000/-
7	Uttar Pradesh Falah-e-Aam Society, Darul Islam, Maulviganj, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)	Expansion of School Building	10,00,000/-
8	Habibia Gram Vikas Sanstha, Jalalabad, Bijnor (Uttar Pradesh)	Expansion of School Building	2,00,000/-
9	Nadvatus Sunnah Educational Welfare Society, Amauna, Itwa Bazar, Sidharth Nagar (Uttar Pradesh)	Expansion of School Building	15,00,000/-
10	Faiz Memorial Educational Society, Begum Sarai Khurd, Amroha, Distt. J.P. Nagar (Uttar Pradesh).	Construction of School Building	10,00,000/-
		TOTAL:	1,37,50,000/-